

HARMONY BELLS RINGING OUT OF TUNE

Grand Old Party Milling in Big Confusion—Even Kuhio Is Losing Track.

THE PRIVATES GROW RESTIVE

Feeling in the Ranks That There Is Too Much Secrecy—What Is It All About?

(From Sunday's Advertiser.)

Secret meetings of the politicians, jobs under way, plots being hatched and a general great air of mystery among the ten or twelve who have taken it upon themselves to solve the intrigues of the Republican party, and a growing feeling of resentment among the rank and file of Republicans at the various transparent announcements and explanations being "officially" given out, marked the end of as lively a political week as Honolulu has ever seen.

Out of it all has grown a confusion worse than ever. Kuhio, out of Ashford's leading strings, has fallen into the hands of others, who cannot agree among themselves. The Delegate, having discovered that he was "in bad" as been flocking from one clique to another until he hardly knows where he stands himself.

On Friday he was closeted with the leaders of the Taft league, which has several leaders but has made no move to get followers, and that day he was Taft man, as per statement No. 1. Yesterday he was closeted with another group, including former Governor Carter, who came out recently as an anti-Taft Progressive, and A. L. C. Atkinson, who declared that an instructed Taft delegation would be a mistake. This conference broke up in a row, with Atkinson chiding George A. Davis for talking too much.

In the meanwhile the average Republican is being told to keep out of the road of the leaders and keep his mouth shut. What thinking is necessary is all being done by the party big brains. The voting instructions to the rank and file will be issued as soon as the leaders now how much "harmony" the rank and file will swallow.

Out of the whole mess one thing only is the appearance of certainty and that is that the leaders are going to swallow Kuhio's charges against the party, against the good faith of the voters, against the political honesty of the electorate and against the Governor. They are ready to forget the Desha letter. They are ready to throw principle overboard and knuckle down gain to Kuhio. Kuhio, on his part, is ready to sign all the "statements" that may be written for him, if only it is agreed that he shall go to Chicago, freight paid, and "represent" Hawaiian Republicanism. He is even satisfied to swallow all the things he said in his Desha letter, although keeping in a emetic handy.

Such a thing as fighting out the issues involved in a clean cut, open fight has been suggested by none, each side being afraid that if the other side lost it would not have the political decency to accept the verdict and stay within the party.

Yesterday's Meetings.

Yesterday morning, according to reports, the Delegate was closeted with P. Cooke and some others of the Taft League. Whether the Delegate did or did not explain to Mr. Cooke about the charges of political dishonesty and ostentatious trickery he had made against him and others in his letter to Secretary Fisher was not allowed to leak out. Whether he did or did not explain to Chairman Cooper what he meant in his latest statement by the threat to tell the reasons which evidently dictated the course of the committee in backing up Frear, likewise failed to slip past the political censor. The only thing the public has been told is that progress is satisfactory. Progress where is none of the public's business to date.

A heated discussion of something official took place in the afternoon in the office of A. L. C. Atkinson. There were present ex-Governor Carter, A. L. C. Atkinson, Delegate Kuhio, John C. Kane, R. W. Shingle, W. R. Farrington, Charles Chillingworth and Col. Sam Parker. There was the usual disposition to maintain strict secrecy about the results including even the purpose for which it was called.

Mr. Shingle announced positively that the object of the meeting as related in the Star was "rot." The one word was his only characterization of the story and he dismissed it as briefly as possible, the Star having said that the conference was anti-Frear.

He also stated that the meeting was rearranged and was held in accordance with a plan of factions to get together for a harmonizing scheme. The meeting did not accomplish this result and an adjournment was taken until today. Then, it is believed by those yesterday's conference, a harmonious agreement will be reached.

"What we are hoping to accomplish," said Mr. Shingle, "is that the entire Kuhio-Frear matter can be eliminated from politics and that we may be able to draw a circle around it and keep it out."

As the conferees left the Judd building late in the afternoon, various members were asked for information concerning the session, the group being informed that there were about 7400 her voters on this island, who should be privileged to have some knowledge to what the juggling dozen were doing with the party. While some agreed that possibly the other voters could be informed, others in the group

WILL IT BE WITH CARTER OR WITH COOKE?



NOW WHERE DO I JUMP?

stated that it was a matter between Kuhio and his friends and that they were not ready to tell the men who cast the ballots what the trouble is all about.

John Lane said that "you can say that we are all for Brother Taft." He waved his arm to include the entire group, from which, however, ex-Governor Carter, who recently announced himself as an anti-Taft man, was absent.

Up to Convention.

"We are going to leave the selection of delegates and instructions to the convention," George Davis announced suddenly.

If a bomb had dropped in the midst of the group it could not have made a greater sensation than Davis' outspoken words. Jack Atkinson immediately landed upon him, demanding the reason why he butted into affairs he didn't know anything about, adding that he was always confusing a situation. Jack was angrier than he has been for some time, and shook his fist at the wondering Davis. The stormy interview involved many others of the group and the last words heard from the storming Jack were: "And now it will all be in the paper tomorrow morning. You see what you've done!"

The Very Idea.

"There is a new sentiment springing up among Republicans that neither Kuhio nor Frear should go to the convention. What do you think of it?" was asked of Shingle.

The suggestion was too sudden and Mr. Shingle replied that he would have to sleep over it.

Where Is the Nigger?

The harmony which the various cliques are now working on is not of the smooth and easy variety. The politicians are at loggerheads and there is a suspicion in some quarters that somebody has something up his sleeve. Just what, nobody can tell, but the feeling is that there is a nigger somewhere in the woodpile and some people are disposed to take the woodpile to pieces and locate the African.

Senator Chillingworth stated after the meeting: "I did not stay all through the meeting. I told them there, as I have told them before, that my stand is for an instructed delegation to Chicago for Taft, and to cut out all this row between the Delegate and the Governor."

A Representative Outsider.

Theodore Lansing, a life-long Republican, and former treasurer of the Territory, on hearing of the "harmony" session, said: "This whole business of the cliques makes me sick. I am utterly opposed under the circumstances to having either Kuhio or the Governor sent to Chicago as delegates. If I were the Governor and some one came to me and asked me if I would allow my name to go before the convention as a possible convention delegate with Kuhio, I would be inclined to kick him out. After what the Delegate has said of the Governor I can understand why the latter would feel shy about going in the same delegation to Chicago."

HAYES ARGUES FOR MORE SUBMARINES

WASHINGTON, February 17.—Several important matters came before the different committees of the house yesterday. Before the naval committee, Representative Hayes strongly urged more submarines and advocated an entire fleet of these craft. The house is taking up again the consideration of the army appropriation bill.

NEW INDUSTRY FOR HONOLULU

United States Officials Fighting Teeth and Nail to Break It Up.

(From Sunday's Advertiser.)

Instead of doing their best to encourage Honolulu's latest infant industry the United States officials here are fighting tooth and nail to break it up, and send the promoters behind the bars for prison terms. The first step in their campaign was taken yesterday when C. See Kau, a Chinese, was arrested on a warrant from United States District Attorney Breckons' office, charged with manufacturing second grade smoking opium.

That arrest was the first intimation the people of Honolulu had, that their city has become a center for the manufacture of "dope" for the "fiends" of the Coast. Yet such is a fact. From Seattle and San Francisco, Los Angeles, Portland and other cities along the Pacific Coast the drosses of the opium pipes smoked in a thousand dives and dens, has been shipped more or less openly to this port. The "trade" has grown considerably until, much of the second grade opium consumed in California, Oregon, Washington, and British Columbia ports, is manufactured right here in Honolulu. For some time the authorities on the mainland have known that such an "industry" existed somewhere, but despite their efforts were unable to learn just where the work of transforming esh into "smoke" was being done. At last an extra large consignment of the stuff attracted the attention of the local officials, and at once the work of ferreting out the matter was commenced by United States District Attorney Breckons and Internal Revenue Collector Cottrill. Between them they have amassed an enormous quantity of evidence. C. See Kau's arrest is believed to be but the first of a long series on the same, or similar charges.

The methods of the local esh smokers are simple. Esh consists of the ashes and scrapings of opium pipes after they have given the smokers the dreams the fiend craves. This stuff, which has a definite market price, is shipped here and treated to remove the char and ash. The residuum is then mixed with low grade, unsmoked, opium and sold at a figure not much below the price of first grade opium. This practice, it is said, has already cost Uncle Sam a large amount of revenue and a recent ruling of the internal revenue department is intended to put an end to it. As a consequence the United States officials have been waging a secret battle against the adulterator, with Kau as the first capture.

One of the most noticeable results of the strenuous campaign against opium smuggling and smoking by the local authorities has been to raise the price of the poppy juice to an unheard of price. For a long time it has been costing smokers about \$85 or more a tin, weighing about half a pound. The

GIRL'S SLIM FINGERS HELP TO LOOSEN CHINA'S BONDS

Out of China, in the last few months, many almost unbelievable stories have come, but none that surpass that of the beautiful flower girl, Ah Chu, and her revenge. The tales told to Hauran al-Rashid, hold nothing that outdoes the tale, for strange, oriental flavor.

Ah Chu began life as a Canton flower girl. She bids fair to end it as the Joan of Arc of the new China, for to the work of her slim, jewel-covered hands, and her longing for revenge for her scorned love, the revolutionists owe the capture of Nanking, the most deadly blow delivered against the ancient monarchy.

Fate played kindly with Ah Chu. Not only did it spoil the plans of her foes and make smooth her path, but with the irony it so dearly loves, caused the very rivals she hated and for whose downfall she worked to be sold to the highest bidder, after their master, and her's fled from the viceroy's yamen in the old Chinese capital.

How It All Began.

Ah Chu was born among the flower boats of the river at Canton. There she was trained for the life she was destined to follow, taught to dance and make herself beautiful with wondrous cosmetics. Soon she won some fame as a dancer and entertainer and was rewarded when she was about fourteen years old by being sold into the harem of Chang Tai, viceroy at Nanking, in the name of the late emperor.

In that harem she soon reigned as beauty well the world over. They still tell tales of her charm and how she queened it over all the others, how she flouted the master, laughed at him only to lure him back into her toils when she saw the storm clouds gathering about his brow.

And he did all she asked. He showered her with jewels, gave her servants, and a house of her own, yielded to her whims, was her devoted slave—till he grew tired. Even then he might have been brought back but for ill luck. Chang made a trip to Shanghai. There he met and purchased two French women, with painted lips and cheeks and hair that had a metallic luster and glistened varied gleams when the sun struck it.

Ah Chu Disconsolate.

These women went back with the viceroy to Nanking, and upon them he loaded the favors he had formerly shown to the flower girl. Ah Chu left to herself, lonely and despaired, wandered disconsolate through rooms where once she had been supreme. Then came the revolution. One after another victories came to the revolutionists. Slowly the Manchus were driven back until the ancient capital was almost in their grip. The rebel army was outside the walls of the city, ready to take advantage of any opportunity to enter. The Manchus, nerve wrecked watched every loophole to prevent any such attempt. But par-

***** raising of the price here has increased the activity of the smugglers, but so far the customs officials have managed to forestall their best efforts and the amount now smoked in the islands is far less than formerly.

PALMYRA ISLAND CRUISER'S GOAL

State Department Admits Possibility of Warship's Proposed Mission.

WASHINGTON, February 19.—The State department admits that it is possible the U. S. S. West Virginia, which sailed from Honolulu Friday, is on her way to Palmyra Island.

Doubt has been expressed in Washington's official circles over the sovereignty of the island.

Copies of a copious correspondence that recently passed between Governor Frear of the Territory of Hawaii, the department of foreign affairs at Washington, and Downing Street, concerning the island have been sent to the navy department.

Palmyra Mission Certain.

From an authoritative source it is stated that when the cruiser West Virginia sailed from Honolulu a couple of days ago she headed straight for Palmyra Island. She sailed upon special cabled instructions from the navy department after being held here until the psychological moment had arrived. It was not secret among the higher officers of the flagship as to where she was going after the first orders were received from Washington.

The first cable for the cruiser to coal and prepare for sea in a few hours was with the idea of sending her to Palmyra, and from the time she took on coal at night a week ago she was awaiting definite orders from headquarters sending her to the disputed territory. That her time of arrival at the island was accurately determined can be seen from the orders which she received about sailing. These were for her to leave the inner harbor at two o'clock in the afternoon and anchor outside, sailing from her anchorage at five.

The three cruisers now visiting the other Islands have been at Hilo for three days and will sail from that port at eight tomorrow night for Kahului, arriving in Honolulu at noon on Tuesday.

DREADNOUGHT LAUNCHED

KIEL, Germany, February 17.—Germany's twelfth battleship of the dreadnought type, was launched here today in the presence of the Prince Regent Luitpold.

SUN YAT SEN MAY YET BECOME PRESIDENT

Yuan Shih-Kai Pleads for the Election of Chinese Leader.

SAYS HEALTH IS IMPAIRED

Troops Are Asked to Quell Disturbances Reported in Mongolia.

SHANGHAI, February 18.—Dr. Sun Yat Sen may yet be elected President of the Republic of China, in spite of his resignation from the post of provisional President and his announcement that he would step down from authority to make way for another national leader.

President Yuan Shih-Kai has asked Wu Ting Fang and Tang Shao Yi to use their influence in the national assembly for the election of Sun Yat Sen in his place. He makes the plea that his health is impaired and that he is for this reason incapacitated for the great task before him.

The President has telegraphed to Nanking from Peking urging the dispatch of troops to quell serious disturbances in Mongolia.

Yuan Cuts Queue.

PEKING, February 18.—Yuan Shih-Kai has cut off his queue. When he appeared in the city yesterday, queueless, he was greeted with cheers. The act is taken here to indicate that he has finally abandoned all hope of ever turning back the wave of republicanism, and those who were inclined to doubt his sincerity have now come to believe he has finally changed his political convictions.

Asks for Recognition.

WASHINGTON, February 18.—Over one thousand representatives of the Chinese societies of America will appear before President Taft and the senate and house committees on foreign affairs, to urge the recognition of the Chinese Republic.

China Is Quiet.

WASHINGTON, February 18.—Rear Admiral Murdock of the Asiatic fleet reports that conditions in China are quieting and that peace will soon prevail.

AUSTRIA'S MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS DEAD

VIENNA, February 18.—Baron A. L. von Aehrenthal, minister of foreign affairs, is dead in this city. Count von Berchtold has been named to succeed him. Graf von Baron von Aehrenthal was a privy counselor, and was appointed minister of foreign affairs and of the imperial and royal house of Austria October 26, 1906.

INVESTIGATION FOLLOWS AINSWORTH RETIREMENT

WASHINGTON, February 18.—An investigation of the war department as a result of the Adjutant-General Ainsworth affair is assured, in spite of the fact that his resignation was expected to forestall congressional probing.

GOMEZ ANNOUNCES HE ACCEPTS PRESIDENCY

SAN ANTONIO, Mexico, February 18.—General Gomez has issued a manifesto accepting the provisional presidency of Mexico.

In proclamations to the people he urges the overthrow of the Madero government.

Gomez will remain in San Antonio for the present.

ONE AVIATOR KILLED; ANOTHER IS INJURED

LONDON, February 17.—Graham Gilmour, the aviator, in testing a new monoplane, today fell 400 feet and was instantly killed.

Another Drop in Aviation.

OAKLAND, California, February 17.—William Hoff, an aviator, fell fifty feet here today when his biplane buckled. He may recover.

BATH TUB TRUST APPEALS ITS CASE

WASHINGTON, February 17.—Action was taken yesterday by attorneys for the "bath tub trust" in bringing their case before the Supreme Court of the United States on appeal.

POLITICAL FIGHT BECOMES A RIOT

***** GREENVILLE, Tenn., Feb. 17 —A bitter factional fight in the convention in the First Tennessee state conventional district today broke out and quickly became a riot. The chairman was badly beaten and the angry politicians picked up chairs and used them for weapons. *****

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